

Camp of Distribution

Near Alexandria, Va

Sept 26th 1864

Dear Mother,

I *arived* here from City Point last evening, and was glad to get here *to*, for I have got tired of being dogged around from one place to another as I have been for the last six weeks.

City Point is the worst place that I have been in since I have been in the army and I have been in some pretty bad places.

We stayed there five days, we camp on a field of about ten acres that is used for camp of Distribution, there is about three thousand men there all the while, it is an awful filthy place, we had no tents or shelter of any kind, we drew our rations once a day which consisted of about a quarter of a pound of salt pork and eight crackers, one *spoonfull* of sugar and two of coffee which we had to cook our selves with nothing to cook it in but our cups and eat our pork raw.

This is a nice place here the Regt. has been in two pretty "hard battles". I ~~sup~~ suppose since I left New York or at least the 19th corps has and I suppose they were with it. I hope they were not. I was glad to see father when I did in New York. I did not expect ~~to~~ he would come down there. I think he looks a great deal healthier than he did when I left home. I wanted to go home with him it was so near but it was useless to try.

I am agoing to write over to the Doctor, it is only three miles from here he may come over to see me. I probably shall stay here a couple of days. I should like first rate to see him.

We shall go from here to Harpers Ferry. The R Army is still moving on, it will be some time before we get there yet.

Give my love to all.

From your affect. Son,

J. F. Brand